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ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Editor Kelso of Hardin News thinks "the directory is alright except in one place."

The man who goes to sleep on a railroad track was again buried at Moberly the other day.

The apportionment of the state school money has been made on a basis of \$1.58 per pupil.

Nodaway county will soon receive her annual school apportionment which will be \$13,722.

A new school in Springfield is to be named Pickwick. That's a Dickens of a name for a school.

Evert Blackburn had his left arm torn off while he was dynamiting for fish in Current River.

A pearl fishing industry has been started in Stoddard county by the finding of some fine pearls in Lick River.

The proposed \$100,000 endowment of Carleton College, Farmington, has been opened by a donation of \$25,000.

Miss Bulah Logan of near Smithville fell from a stage while taking part in a play and broke her arm in four places.

A man living east of Rock Port raised fifty bushels of oats to the acre this year, and yet this is a kind of off year for small grain.

Mistakes will happen. A Henry county paper placed the head "Sustained Serious Injury" over a wedding write-up recently.

In casting about for some freak that would draw a crowd, the Fourth of July committee at Marceline selected Judge Wallace of Kansas City.

Two "strikebreakers" at Piedmont have been fined \$25 and costs and \$20 and costs respectively for carrying concealed weapons during a strike.

Three cars of cantaloupes were loaded and sold on track at Benton Friday at 30 cents per basket. The market has been dull and but little doing except small lots by express.

Circuit Clerk Holladay of Wayne county is short \$1,800 in his accounts and his bondsmen are being sued. Ouster proceedings have also been instituted against him.

Cape Girardeau saloonkeepers have organized and resolved to reform from within—that is, impose fines on members who break the law and also aid the police in law enforcement.

A hog case in Iron county was decided last week after a second trial. The hogs in the case are worth about \$40 and the costs to be paid amount to \$130, besides the lawyers' fees on both sides.

Harvey Hall has a cherry tree of an early variety on his place at South Maryville that yielded 53 gallons of the fruit. Carl Matlock picked them and he and those who measured the yield, including Mr. Hall, are author- ity.

In the bulletin on the Farm Home, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture for distribution to farmers of all parts of the United States, Miss Day, Professor of Home Economics in the University is cited as one of the leading authorities, and the article is quoted from a paper of hers on this subject.

published in the last State Board of Agriculture Report of this State. In this paper Miss Day discusses the proper planning of the home and particularly of the kitchen, with its arrangement of sink, stove, work table, etc. She also discusses conveniences of the home that relate to comfort and hygienic conditions, such as proper drains, and the farm supply of fresh meat in the summer.

"The seed tick may tick, and the Chigger may chig, and the mocking bird mock and sing but Missouri crops always take the cake, and cotton, you bet, is king. The crickets may crick, and the froglets may frog, and the farmer may sing his strain; for the Missouri corn crop is always on top—a result of plenty of rain. The chinch bug may chinch and the grass-hopper grass, and the hot wind may make you tire, but if anyone says there are such things here, just call him a terrible liar. Oklahoma may boom and Texas may howl, and Kansas may shoot off her chops, but Missouri is the place to get a good home, and raise the bumper crops—sometimes."—Missouri Ex.

Another chunk of Republican prosperity was handed out this week to the laboring men of this county when the Crystal City plate glass works closed down for an indefinite period, thereby throwing between 1200 and 1500 men out of employment. Over production is the reason assigned for the closing down of the plant by the trust. The real reason is to boost prices so as to be able to pay big dividends on the watered stock of the plate glass trust which believes in the old song of "Every little bit added to what you have already got makes a little bit more," hence a little raise in the price of glass means a little more dividends for the watered stock.—Democrat-News.

A young man by the name of Bryant from Carmi, Ill., in attempting to board a moving freight train on the Cotton Belt rail-road at Idalia on Thursday of the past week missed his footing and was thrown under the wheels and one of his legs was badly mangled necessitating amputation. He is doing nicely considering the nature of the injury and the extremely hot weather. His father came out from Illinois Sunday and he will be taken home as soon as he is able to travel.

David Rakfin the noted Missouri corn grower, will be 83 years old this month. He was so poor when a boy that he went barefoot a great part of each summer until he was 28 years old. He paid his last dollar to the preacher, who married him in 1880, but now he owns 85,000 acres of good land and last year raised more than 1,000,000 bu. of corn. He is worth over \$3,000,000 and made it all by farming.—Cameron Observer.

Fred Thieman & Co., consisting of Fred Thieman, Ed. Thieman, John Vonderschmidt and Len Walters, are the Corning firm who have just purchased a fine packet and freight boat which will ply the old Missouri between Corning and Fargo.

A young man was held by the grand jury at Farmington on a charge of kidnapping and outraging a girl under 15 years of age. Had he been a negro he would long ago have done the air dance.

A man by the name of Butler was killed at Birds Point Monday. Butler with others were removing a small building to keep it from going into the river. He was under the building when it fell from the blocks upon which it was standing, killing him instantly.

Charley Stephens of Malden, a log-hauler, was bitten on the index finger by a copper head snake Wednesday of last week. The Merit says he was so badly scared that he immediately laid the finger on a log and chopped it off with an ax. He is getting along nicely.

The papers for the big cement factory at Cape Girardeau were all signed up yesterday and now everything is ready for the \$300,000 cement factory. That big mountain of stone near the college farm gate will be worked up into cement and shipped all over the county.—Cape Girardeau Democrat.

A culvert out of repairs caused J. D. Cowan's horse to fall and Mr. Cowan got a broken collar bone, and the town of Greenville has a lawsuit on its hands for \$3,450 damages. In all probability a quarter's worth of lumber, a few nails and a little labor would have saved all the suffering, trouble and expense.

Daniel Tuschhoff, a farmer living in the northwestern part of the county, near Friedheim, met with a horrible death yesterday forenoon. He was driving a team hitched to a mower when the team ran away throwing him in front of the blade of the machine. His arm was cut off and he was otherwise so badly mangled that he died in a little while after the accident.—Cash-Book.

At Malden, the night of July 4, Joe Scales, was shot and killed by G. L. Cox, who in jail to await the action of Circuit court. Scales leaves a widow and two children. Cox is single, and is a son of the late Judge D. R. Cox, who was brutally murdered in Malden in February, 1907. Young Cox's brother Jesse, killed a man in Oklahoma a short time ago, for which he was tried and acquitted.

Mrs. Belsho, of Trenton, has had a rather unusual record in the matrimonial market. As Miss Myrtle Coy, she was married to John Woods in 1892 and divorced from him in 1896. She then was married to Mr. J. W. Belsho in 1907, divorced in January, 1908; married to Mr. Woods for the second time in February and was divorced from him about three weeks ago. A few days ago she was married to Mr. Belsho. She has been divorced three times, married four times, and yet she has had but two husbands.

Several months ago a man giving his name as D. E. Wilson and who claimed to represent the Pratt Food Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., toured southern Missouri, taking orders from merchants for goods and promised to send advertising matter, after which he would secure money from retail merchants upon his representation. After carrying this on for some time, Wilson was caught at Houston, Mo., arrested, tried and sentenced to four years hard labor in the penitentiary at Jefferson City. His case seems

to be the first of its kind ever tried in Missouri. That is, it is the first on record where a man representing himself as a traveling salesman for a manufacturing or jobbing house located at some distant point has secured money from the retail merchants in this way. This sentence will serve as a warning to others who may endeavor to swindle the retail merchants in the state of Missouri.—Potosi Independent.

Judge John Harger, who is now 62 years old and who was raised in Stoddard county, Missouri, informs us that last week he saw a sight in the way of farming he had never seen before in Southeast Missouri, or any other place. He saw a threshing machine threshing wheat, a machine cutting and binding wheat in the same field, teams plowing wheat stubble to sow peas, parties planting corn, all going on at the same time and in sight of each other. He attributes the phenomenal activity of the farm life of this season of the year to the extremely wet spring and summer.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

One day this week, J. W. Gideon presented a bill at Cunningham Store Co., in payment of an account. It didn't look good and while one of the clerks went to get change, the gentleman was detained. The clerk brought Mack Stubblefield with him, and Gideon was arrested. He said that Arch Wicks had given him the bill with other money in payment for a boat he had sold him. Arch was arrested on the charge of forgery, and on trial in Justice Burrus' court was bound over to Circuit Court under a bond of \$500.—Argus.

The arguments in the mandamus proceedings in the local option election contest were heard by the court of appeals in St. Louis Tuesday. It is not expected that a decision will be handed down before the October term. The only points to be decided are whether the Feb. census of Farmington was legally taken and if so whether or not it was in time to be binding on the county court in making the order for the election.—Farmington Exchange.

The Hume Telephone Company is trying to get its readers to sign this pledge: "I hereby promise that to the best of my knowledge I will not worry, knock, fret, grumble, roar, chew the rag, but endeavor to remain sweet and contented for a whole year. I will also strive to make others happy by inducing them to join the Telephone Don't Worry Club."

A switchman saved a fast train on the I. M., near Piedmont, one day last week, according to a Poplar Bluff paper. Feeling that something was wrong the switchman investigated and found a rail where nearly all the spikes had been drawn and he flagged a fast train just in time to prevent a terrible wreck and loss of many lives.

A St. Louis distiller wanted Edward Brown to go in with him and establish a small distillery in Dunklin county, in connection with Brown's drug business, at Campbell. Last week, the reply which was surely short and pointed, as follows: "If you want a through ticket to hell try starting this business in Dunklin county."

Last week as we went down in the bottom, south of Campbell, we met the blackberry brigade—11 persons carrying 35 gallons of berries.—Cor. Dunklin Democrat.

In the trial of Luther Baggott, for killing Noah Sifford, in Butler county, the jury failed to agree. His bond was fixed at \$5000 and his case will come up again in October. Sifford's wife is charged with being an accessory to the crime.

After being pronounced dead and prepared for burial a young man at Vienna, Mo., last week, raised up and demanded food. He was taken from the Gasconade River and all efforts to restore him were fruitless and the physicians pronounced life extinct.

James Minor, of Reynolds county, killed his stepfather and fled to the Ozarks mountains, followed by the sheriff and deputies who, after two days, trapped him in a cave. It having but one entrance, the officers dared not enter, but stood guard near by for two days more, when Minor was forced by starvation and thirst to come out and surrender. He was taken to jail at Centerville, almost famished.

The canning factory is running at full blast with a crew of about 75 hands. They are now canning beans, averaging three to four thousand cans daily. As they have only about half a crew they will only run three days a week. As soon as tomatoes come in, a full crew will be put on. The manager expects to can fruits after the vegetable season is over, and this fall and winter can pumpkins and hominy. This is a great institution, and a beneficial one to all the community.—Campbell Citizen.

Madison Story has made for Sirum Griffith a commodore from lumber sawn in 1878 from a wild cherry tree cut near Oregon. The lumber has been under roof thirty years and certainly ought to be perfectly seasoned. It has been in Mr. Griffith's possession all this time. From the original batch of lumber, all sawn from one huge tree, Mr. Griffith has had several articles of furniture made which he has presented to his children. The commodore mentioned he will present to his daughter, Mrs. James Nauman.

Democrat-News: Monday morning as John Count of Route No. 2 was starting to cut wheat the team ran away throwing Tom Head, who was driving, onto and in front of the sickle dragging him in this position about thirty yards before the team stopped. Fortunately something about the machine broke and the sickle stopped just as Mr. Head fell on to it or no doubt he would have been cut to pieces, as it was he got one cut about two inches long on his face, a guard stuck in his hip, and several other scratches, causing painful but not serious wounds.

They are lounging at the corners, they are loafing on the walk and they want a situation winding up an eight day clock, they're a score upon the service of this glad and smiling earth, where the man who earns his living is the only man of worth. They are loafing in the sunshine and their talking never flags, while their wives are doing washings and their "kids" are wearing rags; they are criticizing Teddy, roasting Taft and Bryan as well, they are proving that the country is sailing straight to hell; and their wives are tired of sweating over the washtub's greasy curve, while the loud and lazy loafers breathe the air they don't deserve. O, we chuck the drunks in prison when they snore and prance around, and we snarl the man whose chickens scratch

an inch or two of ground; we behead a hungry father who would swipe an oyster shell, but we let the lazy loafer stand around all day and smell.—Lead Belt Banner.

Caruthersville Press: Tobe Baird, living north of this city, is a much puzzled man. He has a fine brood sow that is the mother of eighteen of the strangest looking pigs that ever visited his barn lot. They are all coal-black and have long wool and short thin ears like sheep. Their noses are somewhat similar to other pigs, though he has never seen them root in the ground as other hogs do. He is inclined to think that a freak of nature has brought into existence a family of strange and mysterious beasts that have never lived upon the earth before.

William Gaugh, 64 years old, one of Quantrell's followers, died Thursday morning at 2303 East Fifteenth street, Kansas City. He enlisted when he was 16 years old and served through the Civil war. Mr. Gaugh was with Quantrell on the Kentucky raid when the guerilla lost his life. Gaugh was captured and sent to the military prison in Louisville, where he finally escaped and returned to Missouri. In the Civil war he was sent to Clay county for recruits and there enlisted Frank and Jesse James.

The president of our State Corn Growers Association makes it a practice to top every other row of his corn. He says it is a waste of strength and vitality to the stalk to have to produce unnecessary pollen. Half of the stalks, he claims, will produce pollen for all the stalks. He never permits the tassels of a poor drowsy stalk to grow, as the pollen from such a stalk will tend to weaken any ear upon which it may lodge.—Malden News.

A. O. Calhoun of Victor in Missouri's honey king. He has 5000 pounds of honey in sight from the summer flow and anticipates the same amount from the autumn flow. He started the season with 99 colonies and will probably have 150 this fall. Last week he harvested 1,200 pounds of extracted honey.

Arch Morgan who was sent to the penitentiary four years ago from Greene County, to serve twenty years for killing John Denny, in a quarrel has been given an additional sentence of ten years by the Cole county circuit court for killing a fellow prisoner, a waiter in the prison dining room.

Secretary of the State John E. Swanger has sent out notices to the shirkers of the prohibition, peoples' and socialist parties that they must hold delegate conventions and nominate presidential electors if they desire their names upon the official ballot at the November election.

Cape Girardeau county has just completed and received her new \$79,588 court house, at Jackson. The building is of stone and is fire proof and handsomely appointed and furnished. In some respects it is said to be the finest court house in South-east Missouri.

A man brought about a hundred young rabbits, about grown, to St. Charles recently and sold them to the merchants. The rabbits were caught on the island opposite St. Charles, where they had sought refuge on the highest ground possible from the high water.